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Earth Day 2004 Planning Has Begun

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(March 26, 2004- TROY) Planning for Earth Day 2004 has begun in Troy and the City is looking for a few good volunteers to make it better than ever.

An initial meeting has already taken place, and the City is looking for more interested parties to volunteer some time to clean up the City.

This year's Earth Day takes place on April 24th throughout the day. The City will provide a limited number of tools, so volunteers are encouraged to use their own equipment. Refreshments will also be provided. The key to the event is word of mouth- the more people involved, the more cleaning that takes place.

For more details about Earth Day, or to get involved with the cleanup as a project coordinator, please contact Deputy Director of Public Information Jeff Buell at 270-4554. You can also contact another project coordinator in your area at the numbers listed below. By providing a name to the City, people who want to volunteer can be told of a spot closest to them that will be cleaned.

One of the most exciting projects consists of the Downtown Collaborative, which has pledged the support of its members to cleanup the downtown area on Earth Day.

"We have started extensive cleaning through the Troy Action Team during my first three months in office," Mayor Harry Tutunjian said. "Earth Day will give everyone in the City a chance to join up and do something great for the community. I encourage anyone who is interested to not hesitate, and please sign up for a project."